

A history of the International Federation of Classification Societies¹

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The author of the present article has experienced the foundation of the International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS) as a member and officer of the German Classification Society (Gesellschaft für Klassifikation, GfKI). The GfKI has been founded in Frankfurt (Main) on February 12, 1977 by scientists and practitioners stemming from various fields of knowledge. This event, even if realized on a national basis, has to be seen in the context of a quite general and worldwide development: In fact, during the sixties of the 20th century there was a great interest and intensive research in problems of classification, data analysis, and systems for ordering knowledge. Not only in statistics, but also in many other domains of science and practice, e.g.,

- in *library science* with topics such as subject indexing and cataloguing, indexing languages, and broad systems of ordering;
- in *documentation* with the development of data bases, thesauri construction, and information retrieval systems;
- in *linguistics and terminology* with language analysis, concept formation, automatic translation, dialectometry;
- in *biology* with problems in taxonomy, systematics, phylogeny, and bacteria classification;
- in *technology* with pattern recognition systems, network optimization, and cybernetics;
- in *industry* with product and patent classification, systematics of commodities, and the segmentation of transport networks; and finally
- in *economy and marketing* when searching for market segments and consumer groups, product positioning strategies, and corresponding data evaluation techniques.

In this framework it was not at all surprising that numerous organizations and scientific societies emerged with the idea to investigate and resolve the numerous domain-specific problems of classification and ordering, on a theoretical as well as on a practical level. Typical examples include:

- the *Fédération Internationale de Documentation (FID)* with its
- *Committee on Classification Research (FID/CR)* (chaired by the German Ingetraut Dahlberg) and its Committee for *Universal Classification (FID/C3)*,
- the *International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)*,
- the *Gesellschaft für Dokumentation (DGD, Society for Documentation)* with its *Komitee zur Klassifikations- und Thesaurusforschung (Committee for Classification and Thesaurus Research)*,

¹This is a slightly modified, translated and updated version of Chapter 9 of the book H.-H. Bock, P. Ihm (eds.): *25 Jahre Gesellschaft für Klassifikation: Klassifikation und Datenanalyse im Wandel der Zeit*. Shaker Verlag, Aachen 2001, 184 pp., ISBN 3-8265-9778-8

- the *Internationale Gesellschaft für Warenkunde und Technologie* (IGWT, *International Society for Product Research and Technology*)

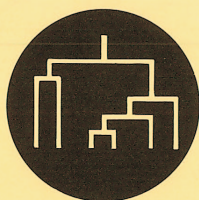
and - in addition to GfKl and as a most important issue for the future IFCS - some societies with interests more on the quantitative and numerical classification side:

- A British *Classification Society (CS)* was founded in UK on 17th of April 1964 during a conference of ASLIB (a society for British librarians); in 1968 its North American members founded
- the *American Branch* of the CS (renamed *Classification Society of North America*, CSNA, later on), whereas the British group was called the *European Branch* of the CS at that time and renamed the *British Classification Society (BCS)* since 1st of June 1984.
- The *Société Française de Classification (SFC)* was founded on February 24, 1978 and renamed *Société Francophone de Classification* from November 30, 1982, and finally
- the *Japanese Classification Society (JCS)* that was founded on July 11, 1983.

Before and after the emergence of these five „classical“ classification societies in USA, UK, France, Germany, and Japan there were many contacts among the involved individual members and insofar also some need, but also the vivid desire to cooperate and to establish an „International Classification Society“.

This idea was intensively discussed in June 1982 during the Annual Meeting of the American group in Montréal where also the president of GfKl, I. Dahlberg, was participating. Obviously, at that time, there was still too much disagreement among the different and contrasting views (e.g., on the organizational form, the multilingual problem, and on a journal to be created) as to realize the foundation activity immediately. But this meeting was the starting point for an intensive discussion about the creation of a worldwide society that was continued inside and among the prospective partner societies.

The topic was debated more specifically at various meetings worldwide. For example, in June 1982, the German Classification Society (GfKl) invited various officers of other classification societies to its annual conference in Augsburg in order to discuss the issue again. There were representatives from the Société Française de Classification (SFC; M. Jambu, P. Richy), the Classification Society - European Branch (CS/EB; F. Bisby), the Classification Society - North American Branch (CS/NAB; R.R. Sokal and J.D. Carroll) and GfKl (I. Dahlberg, H.-H. Bock, P. Ihm). R.R. Sokal summarized the results of these talks in a written report that was circulated among the participants. Another meeting took place in Toulouse in September 1982 under the auspices of SFC (with P. Ihm, E. Diday, I. Lerman, J.C. Gower, D. Wishart, et al.). Afterwards, Carroll and Sokal sent out the revised version of a proposed constitution to various classification societies.



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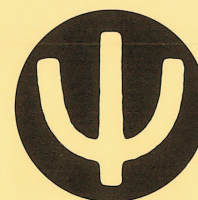
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ET DES SOCIÉTÉS DE CLASSIFICATION

JOINT EUROPEAN MEETING OF PSYCHOMETRIC
AND CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

EUROPAISCHE KONGREß DER PSYCHOMETRIK
UND KLASSIFIKATIONVEREINE

6 - 9 juillet 1983 july 6 - 9 1983 6 - 9 juli 1983

JOUY-EN-JOSAS (near Paris) (in der Nähe von Paris)

PATRONAGE/ SPONSORSHIP/ LEITUNG

Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (C.N.R.S.)
Société Francophone de Classification (S.F.C.)
The Classification Society
The Psychometric Society
Association des Statisticiens Universitaires (A.S.U.)
Gesellschaft für Klassifikation

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PSYCHOMÉTRIE / PSYCHOMETRICS / PSYCHOMETRIK

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The poster of the 1983 Classification Conference in Jouy-en-Josas, France

In those times, the British-American Classification Society was used to organize, every second year, a joint international conference with the Psychometric Society, at a place in Europe and in America in turn. This schedule provided the opportunity to discuss the open questions again during the joint conference in Jouy-en-Josas (France) from July 6-9, 1983. In fact, this conference was announced by a poster in three languages with the heading

Congrès Européen conjoint de Psychométrie et des Sociétés de Classification
 Joint European Meeting of Psychometric and Classification Societies
 Europäischer Kongreß der Psychometrik und Klassifikationsvereine

In the framework of this conference, a committee comprising of Ph. Arabie, H.-H. Bock, J.D. Carroll, E. Diday, G.W. Furnas, J.C. Gower, L.J. Hubert, M. Jambu, and P. Richy met on July 7, 1983 and decided, after some discussion, to continue the elaboration of a constitution under the chair of H.-H. Bock, with the idea to found the international society in 1985 during the next joint classification conference in Cambridge (UK) in the form of an International Federation of single national classification societies.

On July 28, 1983 Carroll and Sokal sent a new proposal of the constitution to 26 leading members of GfKl, JCS, SFC, and SIS (Società Italiana di Statistica). In an intensive correspondence comprising several ballots and iterative rounds, Bock (in cooperation with Carroll, Sokal and Ch. Hayashi) reshaped and harmonized the distinct opinions and modification proposals by the partners and compiled them into a document that was finally accepted by all parties. Now all was ready for the foundation of the planned joint federation.

The foundation ceremony took place during the 4th European Meeting of the Psychometric Society and Classification Societies at Queen's College in Cambridge (UK) where the

International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS)

was founded on July 4, 1985. The contract was signed by the following societies and representatives (those marked with a * were present in Cambridge, the other signatures were handed in later on):

- British Classification Society (BCS): J.C. Gower*, A.J. Boyce
- Classification Society of North America (CSNA): J.D. Carroll*, R.R. Sokal
- Gesellschaft für Klassifikation (GfKl): H.-H. Bock*, P. Ihm
- Japanese Classification Society (JCS): Ch. Hayashi*, K. Yajima*
- Società Italiana di Statistica (SIS): N.C. Lauro*, A. Mineo
- Société Francophone de Classification (SFC): M. Jambu*, Ch. Perruchet*.

H.-H. Bock was assigned the *Acting IFCS President*, the first full IFCS Executive Committee was elected by the partners in a separate voting process in fall 1985. A first international IFCS conference was scheduled for the year 1987.

We, the approved delegates of the following Societies or Groups:

British Classification Society (BCS)
Classification Society of North America (CSNA)
Gesellschaft für Klassifikation e.V. (GFKI)
Japanese Classification Society (JCS)
Société Francophone de Classification (SFC)
Italian Statistical Society (SIS)

declare the formation of the

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

the founding members of which are as listed above. The provisional constitution is given as an annexe; a final constitution will be adopted by unanimous agreement of the founding Council.

Queens' College, Cambridge, U.K.

July 4th, 1985

J.C. Gower	<i>J.C. Gower</i>	A.J. Boyce	<i>Anthony Boyce</i>	(BCS)
J.D. Carroll	<i>J.D. Carroll</i>	R.R. Sokal	<i>R.R. Sokal</i>	(CSNA)
H-H. Bock	<i>H-H. Bock</i>	P. Ihm	<i>Peter Ihm</i>	(GFKI)
C. Hayashi	<i>C. Hayashi</i>	K. Yajima	<i>Kiji Yajima</i>	(JCS)
M. Jambu	<i>M. Jambu</i>	C. Perruchet	<i>C. Perruchet</i>	(SFC)
N. Lauro	<i>N. Lauro</i>	A. Mineo	<i>A. Mineo</i>	(SIS)

The founding document of IFCS

Even if the IFCS constitution adopted in Cambridge was not yet complete (the final version was obtained after some further modification cycles only in August 1986), the IFCS began its scientific work without any delay: Within a short time, Bock submitted to the *Founding Council* an activity plan, initiated the nomination of the Council representatives of all Member Societies, organized the election of the first IFCS Executive Committee (where he was formally elected as IFCS president), and prepared the organization of the first IFCS Conference - in Germany, at RWTH Aachen University, with the GfKl as the inviting IFCS Member.

This conference took place from June 29 to July 1, 1987 under the theme *Classification, Data Analysis, and Related Methods* and was generously supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, the German Research Foundation). Without any doubt, this conference, with more than 300 participants from over the world, with 28 invited and funded international speakers (10 from behind the Iron Curtain!) and about 140 contributed papers, was a great success and established the public recognition of IFCS as a scientific organization (and insofar also the GfKl, the hosting society)². As a summary of the IFCS conference, a Proceedings volume was edited in 1988 that documented the scientific orientation and the potential of the IFCS on a worldwide scale.

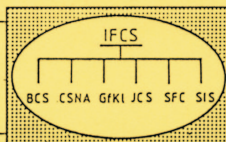
In the following years, the activities of IFCS were primarily concentrated on the organization of the biennial international IFCS conferences with topics originating from statistics, quantitative data analysis, computational algorithms, and tools from informatics, carefully balancing between theoretical investigations and practical applications. The following table lists the places of these conference and their local organizers.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Hosting Society</i>	<i>Organizer</i>
1987	Aachen/Germany	GfKl	H.-H. Bock
1989	Charlottesville/USA	CSNA	H. Bozdogan
1991	Edinburgh/Scotland	BCS	D. Wishart, A. Gordon
1993	Paris/France	SFC	E. Diday
1996	Kobe/Japan	JCS	Ch. Hayashi
1998	Rom/Italy	SIS	A. Rizzi, M. Vichi
2000	Namur/Belgium	SFC, VOC	J.-P. Rasson, H. Kiers
2002	Krakau/Poland	SKAD	A. Sokolowski
2004	Chicago/USA	CSNA	F.R. McMorris
2006	Ljubljana/Slovenia		A. Ferligoj, V. Batagelj

The biennial IFCS conferences

²Simultaneously, RWTH Aachen hosted the regular annual conference of the GfKl with about 50 participants that were, in that year, mainly confined to topics from linguistics and library science.

British Classification Society
Classification Society of North America
Gesellschaft für Klassifikation
Sektion 'Datenanalyse und Num. Klassif.'



分類の理論と応用に関する研究会
(Japan Classification Society)
Société Francophone de Classification
Società Italiana di Statistica

FIRST CONFERENCE of the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

CLASSIFICATION AND RELATED METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS

Technical University Aachen, Aachen, Federal Republic of Germany
June 29 to July 1, 1987

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference is devoted to the presentation of theoretical and applied papers on classification and related methods of data analysis in the broad sense. This includes mathematical and statistical as well as practical investigations, survey papers on the state of the art, real case studies, papers on numerical and algorithmic aspects, applications in special fields of knowledge, and the interface between classification and Information Sciences.

Papers are invited for this meeting. Suitable main topics include the following ones:

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| 1. Discrimination, classification, aggregation, and clustering methods | 8. Biological taxonomy, systematics, microbiological classification (molecules, strings etc.) |
| 2. Pattern recognition methods | 9. Comparison of classifications, consensus methods |
| 3. Linear, nonlinear, and algebraic methods of data analysis | 10. Analysis of tree- and graph-like patterns |
| 4. Similarity and distance measures, measurement theory, quality of data | 11. Classification for information retrieval systems |
| 5. Multidimensional scaling and seriation | 12. Expert systems, data bases, and classification methods |
| 6. Probabilistic models for data analysis and classification | 13. Algorithmic aspects and software for computers and micro-computers |
| 7. Graphical representation of structures and classifications | 14. Applications in specific fields:
Archeology, biology and medicine, chemistry, computer science, documentation and information sciences, economics and marketing, engineering and technology, psychology and social sciences etc. |

If you plan to attend the conference please write to the conference chairman:

Prof. Dr. H.H. Bock, IFCS 87, Institut für Statistik und Wirtschaftsmathematik,
Technical University Aachen, Wüllnerstraße 3, D-5100 Aachen, FRG

who will provide all further information concerning the program and your registration.

If you intend to present a paper, please send an English abstract of at most one page, classified into one of the 14 subjects given above. A selection of papers will be published in a Proceedings volume. Deadline for submitting papers is January 15, 1987.

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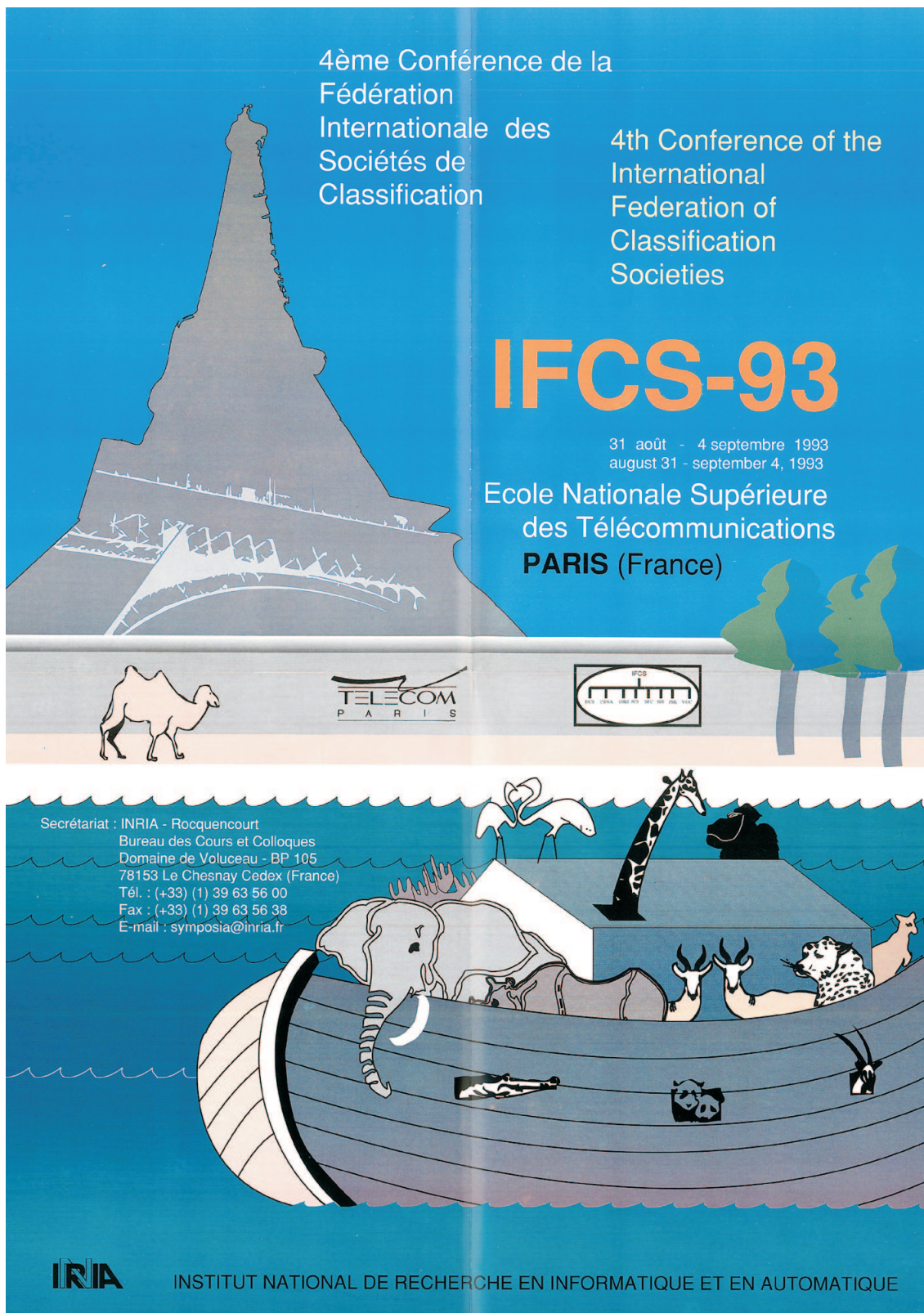
International Members

Diday E., Le Chesnay, France
Gower J., Harpenden, UK
Hayashi Ch., Tokyo, Japan
Lauro N.C., Napoli, Italy
Sokal R.R., Stony Brook, USA

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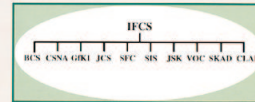
The poster announcing the first IFCS conference in Aachen (1987)



Poster of the 4th IFCS conference in Paris (1993)

IFCS-96

March 27-30, 1996
International Conference
Center Kobe, Japan



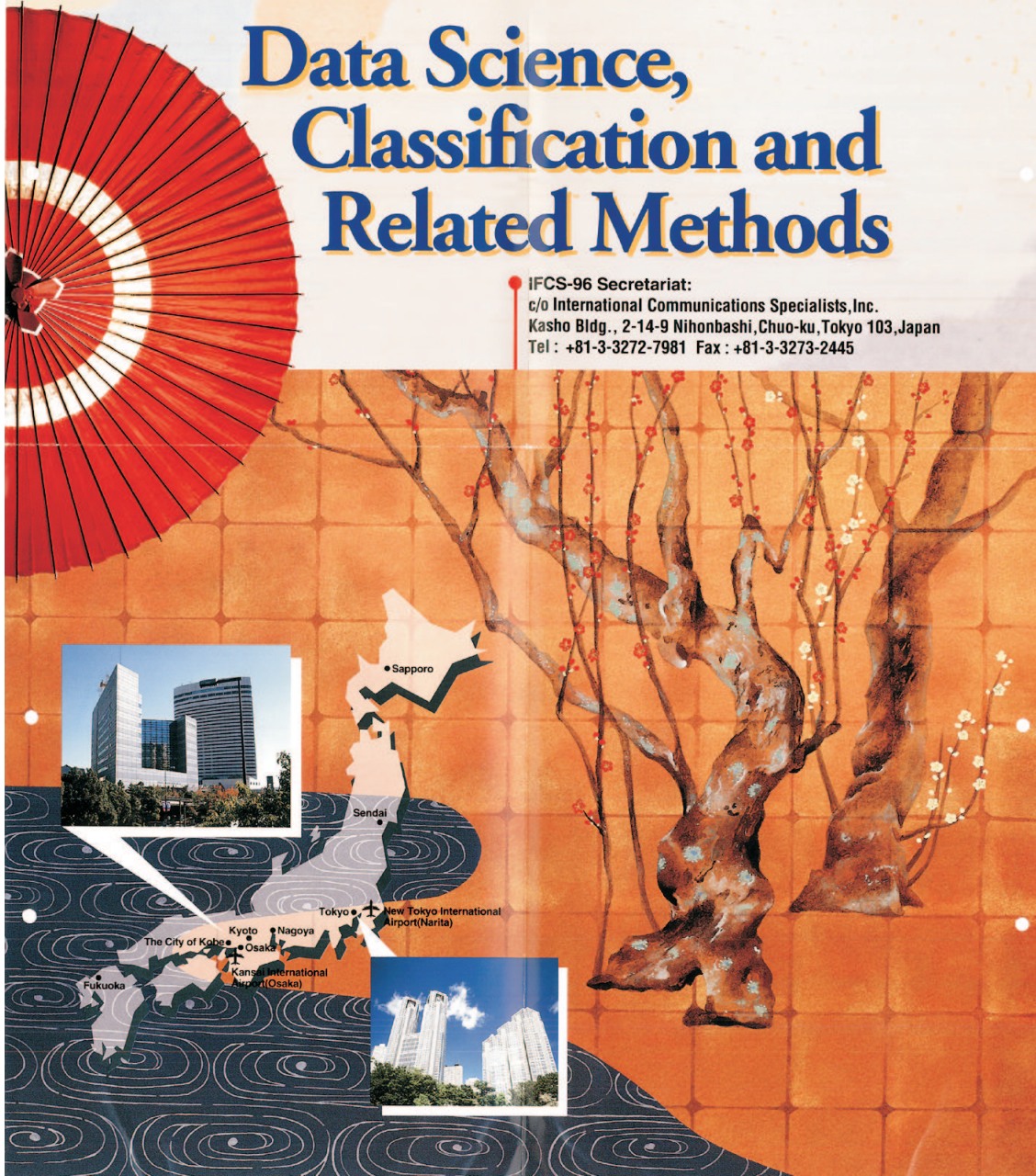
Fifth Conference
of the
International Federation of
Classification Societies



Japanese
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Data Science, Classification and Related Methods

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Poster of the 5th IFCS conference in Kobe (1996)

In the scientific world the IFCS conferences were soon considered as an attractive information exchange market and became a most important meeting point for people interested in classification and data analysis. One reason was certainly the fact that - with the exception of the second and third IFCS conference - a selection of the presented papers was regularly published in (post- or pre-conference) proceedings, typically by Springer-Verlag (see the following table).

	<i>Editors</i>	<i>Title and Publisher</i>
IFCS-87	H.-H. Bock	Classification and related methods of data analysis <i>North Holland, Amsterdam, 1988</i>
IFCS-93	E. Diday, Y. Lechevallier, M. Schader, P. Bertrand, B. Burtschy	New approaches in classification and data analysis <i>Springer, Heidelberg, 1994</i>
IFCS-96	Ch. Hayashi, N. Ohsumi, K. Yajima, Y. Tanaka, H.-H. Bock, Y. Baba	Data science, classification, and related methods <i>Springer, Tokyo, 1998</i>
IFCS-98	A. Rizzi, M. Vichi, H.-H. Bock	Advances in data science and classification <i>Springer, Heidelberg, 1998</i>
IFCS-00	H.A.L. Kiers, J.-P. Rasson, P.J.F. Groenen, M. Schader	Data analysis, classification, and related methods <i>Springer, Heidelberg, 2000</i>
IFCS-02	K. Jajuga, A. Sokolowski, H.-H. Bock	Classification, clustering, and data analysis <i>Springer, Heidelberg, 2002</i>
IFCS-04	D. Banks, L. House, F.R.McMorris, P. Arabie, W. Gaul	Classification clustering, and data mining applications <i>Springer, Heidelberg, 2004</i>
IFCS-06	V. Batagelj, H.-H. Bock, A. Ferligoj	Classification and data analysis <i>Springer, Heidelberg, 2006</i>

The Proceedings of IFCS conferences

The fast evolution of the broad domain of classification and data analysis and the positive development of the Federation are underlined by the fact that more and more national societies joined the IFCS in the sequel such that the number of IFCS Member Societies increased from six in 1985 to twelve in 2005, with a total of about 1800 individual members involved. Apart from the above mentioned founding Members (BCS, CSNA, GfKl, JCS, SFC, SIS) the list of 'new' Member Societies reads as follows:

- the *Vereniging voor Ordinatie en Classificatie* (VOC, founded on January 13, 1989, joined on June 28, 1989)
- the *Associação Portuguesa de Classificação e Análise de Dados (CLAD)* founded in June 1994, joined in March 1995
- the *Section on Classification and Data Analysis of the Polish Statistical Society (SKAD)*, founded in 1989
- the *Korean Classification Society (KCS)*, founded in 1993, joined on March 28, 1996,

- the *Irish Pattern Recognition and Classification Society (IPRCS)*, founded in 2000
- the *Central American and Caribbean Society of Classification and Data Analysis (SoCCCAD)*, founded in 2000, joined on July 12, 2000.

In addition, there is a *Group-at-Large* that comprizes classificationists and data analysts who do not reside in the geographical neighbourhood of a large, national classification society or group. For some time, IFCS comprized also the former 'Yugoslavian Classification Group', but its membership was officially discontinued in 1998 as a consequence of the turmoil in the Balkan countries.

Nowadays, after a remodeling of the IFCS constitution in 2004, the internal organization of IFCS provides an *Executive Committee* comprizing six persons: President-Elect, President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Publication Officer. The period of office is six years for each president (i.e., two years as president-elect, then two as president, and then another two as past-president). The terms of office are three years for the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Publication Officer. The general policies of the IFCS are determined by the *IFCS Council* that comprizes one member from each IFCS Member Society (two members for the large societies), the Executive Committee, and four 'additional' members that are elected by the Council for a term of four years. The names of the executive officers are listed in the table below, photos of the former IFCS presidents are displayed at the end of this article.

A most commendable activity of the IFCS consists in the support it provides for young researchers. In fact, in the early nineties, the IFCS president W.H.E. Day (CSNA) initiated a prize for fostering young scientists in the field of classification and data analysis: the *IFCS Young Scientist Award*. After intensive refereeing processes, it was awarded to Christoph Klauer (Heidelberg, GfKl) in 1993 and to François-Joseph Lapointe (Montréal, CSNA) in 1996. In 1997, the IFCS president Ch. Hayashi reshaped the prize and the awarding procedure and thereby established the *IFCS Travel Award Program*: This program supports, after a flexible and open nomination and evaluation process, the participation of young scientists in an IFCS conference. For example, seven prize winners were invited to the IFCS conference in Rome in 1998. The particular merits of Ch. Hayashi reside in the fact that he also provided personally the funds for financing the prize for several years. In order to honor his commitment, the prize was renamed *Chikio Hayashi Award* in 2004.

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Public. Officer</i>
1985	H.-H. Bock	—	—	—	—
1986	H.-H. Bock	—	—	—	—
1987	<i>idem</i>	Sokal	—	—	—
1988	R.R. Sokal	Bock	Legendre	Legendre	—
1989	<i>idem</i>	Gower	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	—
1990	J.C. Gower	Sokal	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	Murtagh
1991	<i>idem</i>	Day	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
1992	W.H.E. Day	Gower	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
1993	<i>idem</i>	Gordon	Meulman	Meulman	<i>idem</i>
1994	A. Gordon	Day	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	Yajima
1995	<i>idem</i>	Carroll	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
1996	J.D. Carroll	Gordon	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
1997	<i>idem</i>	Ch. Hayashi	Banks	A. Hayashi	<i>idem</i>
1998	Ch. Hayashi	Carroll	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	DeBoeck
1999	<i>idem</i>	Rasson	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
2000	J.-P. Rasson	Ch. Hayashi	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
2001	<i>idem</i>	Lauro	Banks	T.R. Lee	<i>idem</i>
2002	N.C. Lauro	Rasson	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	Jajuga
2003	<i>idem</i>	Kiers	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
2004	H.A.L. Kiers	Lauro	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
2005	<i>idem</i>	{ Past: Lauro Elect: Hand	Vinzi	Van Mechelen	<i>idem</i>
2006	D.J. Hand	{ Past: Kiers Elect: NN1	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	NN2
2007	<i>idem</i>	{ Past: Kiers Elect: NN1	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>
2008	NN1	{ Past: Hand Elect: NN3	NN4	NN5	<i>idem</i>
2009	<i>idem</i>	{ Past: Hand Elect: NN3	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	NN6

The members of the IFCS Executive Committee 1985-2009

Photo gallery of IFCS Presidents



Hans-Hermann Bock
(1985 – 1987)



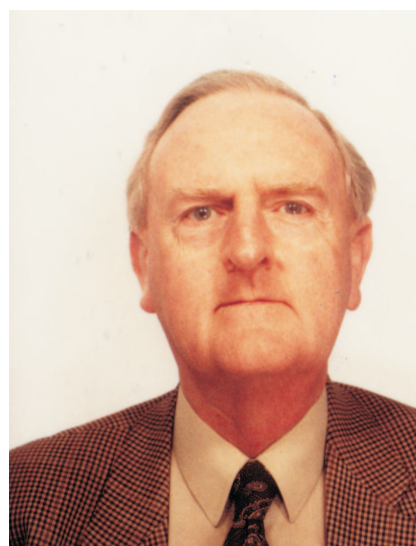
Robert R. Sokal
(1988 – 1989)



John C. Gower
(1990 – 1991)



*Bill (W.H.E.) Day
(1992 – 1993)*



*Allan Gordon
(1994 – 1995)*



*Douglas J. Carroll
(1996 – 1997)*



*Chikio Hayashi
(1998 – 1999)*



Jean-Paul Rasson
(2000 – 2001)



Carlo Lauro
(2002 – 2003)



Henk A.L. Kiers
(2004 – 2005)



David Hand
(2006 – 2007)